

## **Second Chance Centers**

### *One Year Anniversary*

#### ***A True Second Chance***

In an effort to create safer communities by reducing re-offenses, Governor Ducey proposed pre-release workforce services for inmates to prepare them for success and self-sufficiency. On March 27, 2017, the Department of Economic Security and Department of Corrections opened the first Second Chance Center.

#### ***Three Locations, One Goal***

Workforce specialists and corrections officers in the three Second Chance Centers located onsite at Perryville, Lewis, and Tucson prisons, are currently providing comprehensive workforce readiness services to 200 inmates who are within 60-days of release.

#### ***Comprehensive Preparation***

Inmates participating at the Second Chance Centers receive hard and soft skills workforce training, resume and job search assistance, job interview preparation (which includes explaining offenses to potential employers), participation in on-site job fairs, enrollment in healthcare, as well as connections to housing, clothing, and transportation.

#### ***One Year of Success***

In one year, 817 inmates have successfully completed the 8-week Second Chance Center workforce program and 444 individuals have obtained gainful employment upon release.

#### ***Expanding Opportunities and Changing Lives***

In 2018, reentry workforce services will increase with the expansion of the Lewis and Perryville Second Chance Centers as well as the addition of services provided to former inmates in parole offices and state reentry centers.